(c) the places in kerala identified for the implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Amnesty International

4554. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANADYAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Government have made any suggestion to allow the Amnesty International to work actively in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such suggestions have been made by any other foreign country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e). The Government has received such suggestions regarding Amnesty International from a few foreign Governments including UK. Amnesty International has an active India Chapter. The Government maintains a dialogue with Amnesty International on the human rights situation in India.

Fish Landing Centres in Kerala

4555. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct more Fish landing centres in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have proposals for construction of fish landing centres at Thottappally, Kattoor-Pollathai, and Quilandy.

News Item Captioned "Indian Drug Banned in Nepal"

4556. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Indian drug banned in Nepal" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated November 28, 1991; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The facts of the matter are being ascertained from our Embassy in Kathmandu.

Market Intervention operation by NDDB

4557. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Market intervention Operation by the National Dairy Development Board to stabilise prices of edible oils has been successful in preventing profiteer-

ing and balckmarketing in edible oils during last two years; and

(b) the extent of price spread in the edible oil as a result of the Market Intervention Operation by NDDB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). During Oil Year 1990-91, the NDDB had been successful in reducing the price spread to 30% for groundnut oil which is the major price determinant for other edible oils. NDDB has no statutory powers for preventing profiteering and black-marketing in edible oils.

Oil and Natural Gas in North Bihar

4558. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas reserves have been found in the districts of North Bihar adjoining Nepal Terai area;

(b) if so, whether exploration works has been started there;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the result achieved so far from the drilling conducted in Dullipatti of Madhubani district and Khagaul in East-Champaran; and

(e) the steps being taken to continue this drilling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). Although Exploration work is in progress in North Bihar however, no hydrocarbons have been found so far.

(d) The well Madhubani-1 was drilled very close to Dullipatti in Madhubani district. No well has been drilled in Khagaul. However, well Raxaul-1 was drilled in East Champaran district. These wells have not yielded any hydrocarbons.

(e) Presently well Kadamaha-1 in West Champaran district is under drilling. Further drilling will depend on the results of this well.

Compensation to land owners by the ONGC for Acquiring Land from Drilling Purpose in Andhra Pradesh

4559. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether full compensation has been paid to the land owners by the ONGC for acquiring land for drilling purpose in the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether one member from each of the affected families has been given job; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which one member of each of the affected families is likely to be given job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). ONGC has acquired land in Andhra Pradesh, only on lease basis for the limited period of drilling, for which lease rental is being paid by the ONGC, as fixed by